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2010 CORN ACREAGE EXPECTED TO INCREASE

Preliminary planting intentions of New York farmers as of March 1, 2010 indicate decreases for soybeans, wheat, dry hay, and oats, according to Stephen Ropel, Director of the USDA's New York Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. Barley, dry beans, and corn are expected to increase.

Empire State farmers intend to plant 1,080,000 acres of corn for all purposes (*grain and silage*) for the 2010 crop year, up 1 percent from last year. Soybean plantings are expected to decrease by 2 percent to 250,000 acres. Dry bean intentions, at 19,000 acres, are expected to increase by 19 percent from last year's 16,000 acres. New York farmers intend to harvest 1.35 million acres of dry hay in 2010, 1 percent below last year. Wheat planted acreage totaled 110,000 acres, down 4 percent from 2009. Oat plantings are expected to total 80,000 acres, down 11 percent from a year earlier. Barley plantings are expected to total 13,000 acres, 8 percent above last year.

Nationally, corn growers intend to plant 88.8 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2010, up 3 percent from both last year and 2008. Expected acreage is up in many States due to reduced winter wheat acreage and expectations of improved net returns. Acreage increases of 300,000 or more are expected in Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, and Ohio. The largest decreases are expected in Iowa, down 200,000 acres, and Texas, down 150,000 acres.

Soybean producers intend to plant 78.1 million acres in 2010, up less than 1 percent from last year. If realized, the U.S. planted area will be the largest on record. Acreage increases of 100,000 or more are expected in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The largest decreases are expected in Georgia and North Carolina, both 150,000 acres less than 2009. If intentions are realized, the planted acreage in Kansas, North Dakota, and Pennsylvania will be the largest on record.

All wheat planted area is estimated at 53.8 million acres, down 9 percent from 2009. The 2010 winter wheat planted area, at 37.7 million acres, is 13 percent below last year but up 2 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 28.3 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.0 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.4 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2010 is estimated at 13.9 million acres, up 5 percent from 2009. Of this total, about 13.3 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2010 is estimated at 2.22 million acres, down 13 percent from the previous year. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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